



Alice asked the Cheshire Cat, "Which way shall I go from here?"

The cat responded, "It depends on where you want to get to?"

Where do we go from here? While the recent spill on the Animas is fresh on our minds---**Let's not lose our focus on the future.** Our small communities want to find a path forward. We want to get past the chaos and finger-pointing. We need to focus on our future . . . a future that is better than the conditions that existed before the spill.

This is the time to take action. Let's:

- Pull together a coalition of entities that are tied to the upper Animas and have a desire and commitment to plan for its recovery;
- Use our varied resources to compile the best information;
- Send a consistent message;
- And rebuild public confidence;

You (your entity) are invited to participate in an orientation to explore the feasibility of pulling together a collaborative coalition aimed at exploring the issues facing the upper Animas River basin, the area from Silverton to the state line.

Feasibility: Do we have the interests, information, skills, financial resources and commitment to create a restored future for the Animas?

Possibility: Senator Ellen Roberts and the Colorado Water Conservation Board may be able to bring resources together to keep a collaborative effort moving - grant writing, outreach, information sharing, and facilitating the path forward that we design for the upper Animas.

A citizen recently commented that natural disasters have a tendency to bring communities together, while human-caused disasters have a tendency to divide communities. The Animas is far too important to our communities to have that happen to us!

Date: Sunday, August 16, 2015

Time: 12:30—2:30 PM

Location: Fort Lewis College,
Vallecito Room (Student Union)
1000 Rim Drive, Durango.

